

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate completed action on H.R. 2638, Department of Defense Appropriations Act/Consolidated Security, Disaster Continuing Resolution.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9891–S10023

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 3641–3647, and S. Res. 690. **Page S10004**

Measures Passed:

Capitol Visitor Center Act: Senate passed H.R. 5159, to establish the Office of the Capitol Visitor Center within the Office of the Architect of the Capitol, headed by the Chief Executive Officer for Visitor Services, to provide for the effective management and administration of the Capitol Visitor Center, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S9881–83**

Reid (for Feinstein/Bennett) Amendment No. 5674, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9883**

Operation and Administration of Federal Courts: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 3569, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S9879–99**

Victims of Crime Act: Senate passed S. 3641, to authorize funding for the National Crime Victim Law Institute to provide support for victims of crime under Crime Victims Legal Assistance Programs as a part of the Victims of Crime Act of 1984. **Pages S9899–S9900**

National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 3229, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the legacy of the United States Army Infantry and the establishment of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S9900–01**

Boy Scouts of America Centennial Commemorative Coin Act: Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 5872, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the centennial of the Boy Scouts of America, and the bill was then passed, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S9901**

PRICE of Homeland Security Act: Senate passed H.R. 6098, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to improve the financial assistance provided to State, local, and tribal governments for information sharing activities, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S9901**

Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act: Senate passed H.R. 1157, to amend the Public Health Service Act to authorize the Director of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences to make grants for the development and operation of research centers regarding environmental factors that may be related to the etiology of breast cancer, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10018**

Comprehensive Tuberculosis Elimination Act: Senate passed H.R. 1532, to amend the Public Health Service Act with respect to making progress toward the goal of eliminating tuberculosis, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S10018–19**

NET 911 Improvement Act: Senate passed H.R. 6946, to make a technical correction in the NET 911 Improvement Act of 2008, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S10019**

Arms Sales to Sudan: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 660, condemning ongoing sales of arms to belligerents in Sudan, including the Government of Sudan, and calling for both a cessation of such sales and an expansion of the United Nations embargo on arms sales to Sudan, and the resolution was then

agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: **Page S10019**

Landrieu (for Nelson (FL)/Inhofe) Amendment No. 5675, to improve the resolution. **Page S10019**

National Dysphagia Awareness Month: Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 195, expressing the sense of the Congress that a National Dysphagia Awareness Month should be established, and the resolution was then agreed to. **Page S10020**

Conflict Between Russia and Georgia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 690, expressing the sense of the Senate concerning the conflict between Russia and Georgia. **Page S10020**

Feed America Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 691, designating Thursday, November 20, 2008, as "Feed America Day". **Page S10020**

National Veterans Awareness Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 692, designating the week of November 9 through November 15, 2008, as "National Veterans Awareness Week" to emphasize the need to develop educational programs regarding the contributions of veterans to the country. **Page S10020**

National Homeless Youth Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 693, recognizing the month of November 2008 as "National Homeless Youth Awareness Month". **Pages S10020–21**

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 694, designating the week beginning October 19, 2008, as "National Character Counts Week". **Page S10021**

House Messages:

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act/Consolidated Security, Disaster Continuing Resolution: By 78 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 208), Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2638, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008, after taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9883–97, S9901–66**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 83 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. 207), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill. **Page S9883**

Under the previous order, the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to

the amendment of the Senate to the bill with the Whitehouse (for Reid) Amendment No. 5670 to change the enactment date, fell when cloture was invoked on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill.

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Under the previous order, Whitehouse (for Reid) Amendment No. 5671 (to Amendment No. 5670), of a perfecting nature, fell when Whitehouse (for Reid) Amendment No. 5670 (listed above) fell.

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National Defense Authorization Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3001, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2009 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, clearing the measure for the President.

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Veterans' Benefits Improvement Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 3023, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and enhance compensation and pension, housing, labor and education, and insurance benefits for veterans, clearing the measure for the President.

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Veterans' Mental Health and Other Care Improvements Act: Senate concurred in the amendment of the House of Representatives to S. 2162, to improve the treatment and services provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs to veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder and substance use disorders, clearing the measure for the President.

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Federal Railroad Safety Improvement Act: Senate began consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 2095, to amend title 49, United States Code, to prevent railroad fatalities, injuries, and hazardous materials releases, to authorize the Federal Railroad Safety Administration, taking action on the following motion and amendments proposed thereto:

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Senator Reid entered a motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill. **Page S10019**

Reid Amendment No. 5677 (to the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), to establish the enactment date. **Page S10019**

Reid Amendment No. 5678 (to Amendment No. 5677), of a perfecting nature. **Page S10019**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the motion to concur in the amendment of the

House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of September 27, 2008, a vote on cloture will occur at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, September 29, 2008.

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A unanimous-consent time agreement was reached providing that at 12:00 noon on Monday, September 29, 2008, Senate resume consideration of the motion to concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to the bill; that the time from 12:00 noon until 12:15 p.m. be controlled by the Republican Leader, or his designee, and the time from 12:15 p.m. until 12:30 p.m. be controlled by the Majority Leader; that at 12:30 p.m. Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the motion to concur; and that no motion to refer be in order during the pendency of the amendment of the House.

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Tributes—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the tributes to retiring Senators, that appear in the Congressional Record, be printed as a Senate document and that Senators be permitted to submit such tributes for inclusion until Friday, November 21, 2008.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—208)	Pages S9883, S9965
Recess: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 5:28 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Monday, September 29, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10023.)	

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 23 public bills, H.R. 7174–7196; and 5 Resolutions, H. Con. Res. 437–438; and H. es. 1512–1513, 1515, were introduced.

Pages H10299–H10300

Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 4131, to designate a portion of California State Route 91 located in Los Angeles County, California, as the “Juanita Millender-McDonald Highway” (H. Rept. 110–895);

H.R. 6589, to provide financial support for the operation of the law library of the Library of Congress, with an amendment (H. Rept. 110–896, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 1514, waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules (H. Rept. 110–897).

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Federal Protective Service Guard Contracting Reform Act of 2008: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 3068, to prohibit the award of contracts to provide guard services under the contract security guard program of the Federal Protective Service to a business concern that is owned, controlled, or operated by an individual who has been convicted of a felony—clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H10140–41

Repealing the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida: S. 2482, to repeal the provision of title 46, United States Code, requiring a license for employment in the business of salvaging on the coast of Florida—clearing the measure for the President;

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